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Soviet Military Activity in Uzhgorod

1. [REDACTED] the Soviet Army garrison at Uzhgorod (48-38N, 22-16E), Ukrainian SSR, consists of approximately 11,000 to 12,000 men. Garrison units are quartered at the following locations in the city:
- a. Domanyi Street (probably Domaninska Street): The largest single group of soldiers is quartered here. Artillery, infantry, and armored units consisting of about 3,500 men are quartered in barracks on this street. The armored units are equipped with light tanks.
 - b. Varay Street (probably Varai Street): About 1,500 soldiers, primarily infantrymen, are quartered in the old cavalry barracks on this street.
 - c. Pobeda Street: About 1,000 men are quartered in two barracks on this street. They are members of motorized units and are equipped with 100 Studebaker type trucks.
 - d. Darocz Street: About 1,000 artillerymen are quartered in barracks on this street.
 - e. Stalin Square: Barracks on this square house 400 border guards.
 - f. Nagy Hid Street.
 - g. Minay Street (probably Minai Street).
2. Every year from 15 April to 15 October, the entire Uzhgorod garrison camps out in tents which are spread throughout the city environs.

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3. Construction is being completed on a four-story building on Darocz Street, about 800 meters from the Uzhgorod main railroad station. The building is about 35 meters by 80 meters in size. Entrances to the new building are closely guarded by soldiers.

Airfield Construction in Velke Latovce

4. A new airfield is being constructed about ten kilometers south of Uzhgorod, near the village of Velke Latovce (sic; probably Velikiye Ratovce, 48-30-50N, 22-15E). The airfield site is two kilometers long and one and a half kilometers wide. Large iron plates, two meters square, were used to surface the runways. Construction of a concrete highway from Uzhgorod to the airfield was completed in spring 1952. It is rumored among the local population that the airfield will be used as a rocket launching base.
5. Uzhgorod has only one airfield, which is for civilian use.

Economic Conditions in the Carpatho-Ukraine

- 25X1 6. [] conditions are very bad in the Carpatho-Ukraine. Socialization has already been completed there. Food prices are unproportionately high in relation to wages. Since 1948 the inhabitants have literally been starving because of a continuous food shortage, particularly of meat. The inhabitants of the southern part of the Carpatho-Ukraine, an area rich in vineyards, no longer have grapes and wine, since everything is shipped to the interior of the USSR. Textile prices are astronomically high, a man's suit of inferior quality costing 350 to 400 rubles.
- 25X1 7. [] the people are frightened by the frequent deportations of persons to forced labor in Siberia. In spite of this they often listen to foreign broadcasts, primarily the Voice of America, whenever possible. In general, the people expect the war to come soon.

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